

March 11, 2014

Re: Raised Bill 408, AN ACT CONCERNING MENTAL HEALTH OPTIONS FOR ADULT MEDICAID RECIPIENTS.

Chairs Slossberg and Abercrombie, and Members of the Human Services Committee:

The Connecticut Psychological Association supports R.B. 408, AN ACT CONCERNING MENTAL HEALTH OPTIONS FOR ADULT MEDICAID RECIPIENTS.

Raised Bill No. 408 expands coverage of Medicaid services provided by psychologists to adults not already covered through the HUSKY program. CPA applauds the proposed expansion, as it enables increased access to mental health care by underserved populations in CT. In addition, R.B. No. 408 provides greater choice and flexibility to patients when selecting providers and treatment locations, which may also decrease the amount if time patients must wait for initial and follow-up appointments.

CPA urges you to support Raised Bill 408.

Thank you for your consideration.

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